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THE BIBLICAL RECORDER; THE LEASE QUESTION; AND THE GOVERNOR.

It is well known that THE CAUCASIAN has differed with the Governor upon the question of the arrangement recently entered into between the Southern Railway Company and the Directors of the North Carolina Railroad in respect to the ninety-nine year lease. But we have no sympathy whatever with such attacks upon the Governor of the State as that made in a recent issue of the Biblical Recorder; and we desire to evince our utter want of sympathy with such attacks, from whatever source they may come, by replying to the misstatements, misrepresentation of motives, and gross perversion of facts contained in the article we have alluded to.

We hold it to be elementary journalistic morality, that every newspaper should tell the exact truth about matters which it discusses; and, it would seem, that this law of elementary morals should have a special binding force upon religious newspapers. But it would seem that such moral force is not always felt by newspapers in this latitude. THE CAUCASIAN has always deprecated the collapse of political "journals" of a certain kind in North Carolina to avoid any and all connection with the habit of truth telling. It is more than surprised at this example of perversion of fact.

But to the matter in hand: The Biblical Recorder says editorially in the article under review, that the Governor has denounced Judge Simonon as a "second-rate." Every person who has read carefully the public press knows that this statement is untrue.

It is true that the Governor has spoken pretty freely in commenting upon facts, made notorious, mainly through Democratic newspapers, that Judge Simonon has been in the habit of accepting such favors from the Southern Railway Company as would indicate that he was wholly under the influence of that corporation. It is also true that the Governor has sometimes commented with really commendable vigor upon some of Judge Simonon's rulings in well known railway litigations. But that he has ever called him a "second-rate" or applied to him any other epithet of like import, is utterly untrue. We think that we have read the newspapers pretty closely. We think we have read all the Governor has said publicly upon the now famous lease question; and we know he has used no such language, as applying to Judge Simonon, as that which the Recorder attributes to him.

The Biblical Recorder further says, "Our Governor has given up the lease to make void the lease of the North Carolina Railroad to the Southern Railway Company."

Well, if what the Recorder says so gushingly about the improvement of the road by the Southern—about the Southern's better management of the road—about the better service given to the public by the Southern—about the better pay to the State from the road in the hands of the Southern—if all this gushing praise, which has the appearance of having a string to it somewhere, be true, ought not "our Governor" to have given up the fight against the ninety-nine year lease some time ago? If the State has a better road under the lease—if the people have a better service under the lease—if the State gets more money from the road under the lease—would it seem that the Governor would be doing not only a very impolitic thing, but also a very wicked thing, in trying to get the lease aside in Judge Simonon's court or elsewhere?

But has the Governor given up the fight to make the Southern Railway Company do exact justice to the State of North Carolina and its people in all respects, including those of the ninety-nine year lease? We trust not, and we think not; at any rate we know that THE CAUCASIAN and the people have not. Will the Biblical Recorder stand with us in this fight?

The Biblical Recorder also, in speaking of the compromise says, "The terms are on the side of the State, absolute surrender."

This statement is in our opinion wholly unwarranted. As we understand it neither the State, nor the Governor, nor the Directors of the North Carolina Railroad, has surrendered anything whatsoever to the Southern Railway in this lease fight. The facts are, that the lease case is to go on in Judge Simonon's Court to a final hearing and decree. How can anyone but a man who writes either recklessly or ignorantly, say that the State surrendered anything in collecting all her costs out of the plaintiffs in the case? Let us suppose for a moment that Judge Simonon shall finally decide that the ninety-nine year lease was made through the procurement of fraud; in that event, the State will have lost nothing, will have surrendered nothing. But on the other hand, let us suppose that Judge Simonon shall finally decide that the lease was made openly and fairly and righteously. In that event the Governor will have

won for the State the unique distinction of having gotten all of the State's costs back out of the party who succeeds in the suit; and that too, without the surrendering to the Southern Railway of any one thing of substantial value.

The Biblical Recorder also says that the Governor has lost to the State its opportunity to appeal from Simonon's court. But it must be remembered that Governor Russell did not start this suit. He would never go to the Federal Court to settle this lease question. His plan has always been and is now to have the legislature to settle it. The next legislature can deal with this question effectively regardless of what Simonon may decide. The suit was started by the Southern Railway and now they want to stop by agreeing to pay all the cost.

Our contemporary further says, "in his bitter denunciation of Simonon he (the Governor) went to a degree to which no one could follow him." There is no one who knows the facts in this case who does not also know that this statement is wholly untrue. The anti-monopoly people, so far as we know, have stood squarely by the Governor in all the utterances he has made in the pending controversy. It may, indeed, be that the Biblical Recorder cannot go as far in its denunciation of corporate greed as the Governor has gone, but, if so, it will be for the reason that, after all its protestations to the contrary, it has a stomach which has become clamorous for monopolistic ailment; and not because it believes the Governor has gone too far in his defence of the people against corporate power.

However anyone may honestly differ on this point or that with the Governor in respect to the late arrangement, it yet remains true, that the Governor has secured for the State and its people exemption from a heavy burden of costs without surrendering the right of the next Legislature to deal fully with the whole lease matter. Indeed he has given up nothing he was not likely to be compelled to give up any way; and he has saved the State some thousands of good money dollars. While we would have pursued a different course, yet his action does not deserve the criticisms to be found in the columns of the Biblical Recorder.

But the most remarkable thing in all the Recorder's article is found in the two sentences following:

"For our part we are not regretful that the long agitation of the lease of the North Carolina Railroad is over and done."

But in the interests of all concerned, and for the sake of justice we did hope that the test of the lease would be carried out fairly to the end."

In the last quotation the editor of the Recorder says it was for the interests of "all concerned"—for the interests of the whole people of the State. Certainly for the interests of the whole tax paying body of the State—that the test of the lease should have been made. And yet the editor says, in the very next sentence above, that he is not regretful that the agitation concerned about the testing of the lease "is over and done." That is as if he had said, "I know the lease was procured by fraud; and I know it ought not to stand. But I am not regretful that it is to be allowed to stand after all."

We put our contemporary's position thus fairly before our readers, in order that they may see, that a man who writes thus carelessly about matters so important is not competent to teach the people upon a subject involving such difficult matters of law and public policy as those involved in the ninety-nine year lease litigation.

The article in the Recorder quietly assumes all through that the Governor has brought a suit to test the character of the lease of the North Carolina Railroad to determine whether the lease was fraudulent or not. Of course all people who know very well that the Governor has brought no suit at any time to test said lease. The suit, now pending, and yet to be decided, was brought by the Southern Railway Company to restrain the Governor and the directors of the North Carolina Railroad from bringing a suit in the courts of this State to test the lawfulness and fairness of said lease; and all the Governor has done in the matter up to this present time, he has done as one of the defendants in that suit. This is the simple truth, and the editor of the Biblical Recorder ought to have known it.

The Biblical Recorder further says that the Governor charged that the ninety-nine year lease was fraudulent. In this the Recorder is right. The Governor did charge that the lease of the North Carolina Railroad was fraudulent, and he has proved it to the satisfaction of all fair-minded men.

He proved it when he made it perfectly plain that the directors who made the lease entered into that contract with a full knowledge that the Seaboard system would give a larger percentage upon the valuation of the property. He contends that it is a fraud for a trustee, acting wholly for another, to lease property to one party, when there is another party who is willing to pay a better price for it. He proved it when it was shown that many of the Trustees for the State who made the lease were largely interested as private stockholders; and as such held the interest adverse to the State. And yet they made a contract for the benefit of their own stock, to the prejudice of the State. But it is believed by many that Judge Simonon and other corporate judges will find excuse to sustain this conduct of the trustees for the State. The Governor believes rightly that all ordinary transactions between man and man, these same judges would hold such conduct to be fraudulent, but as he expresses it, "When Shylock and Mammon are plaintiffs these corporation judges hold such contracts to be valid."

The CAUCASIAN has entered into this matter thus fully because the Biblical Recorder did not only misrepresent the Governor, but had grossly misstated the facts about an important matter concerning which the people should know the truth. The CAUCASIAN and Governor Russell will urge the next legislature to use all lawful means to set aside the fraudulent midnight ninety-nine year lease. Will the Biblical Recorder stand with THE CAUCASIAN and Governor Russell in that fight?

COMMON SENSE AND VICTORY IN MILWAUKEE.

In every city where the people have made the egregious mistake of allowing such public functions as lighting the city by gas and electricity, street car service, water supply, telephone service and other natural monopolies to go into the hands of corporations, the result has been a poor service and a high charge for it, and worse than all, followed by a corrupt city government.

This is the situation in the city of Milwaukee, Wis., and it is simply one case in thousands. In that city there are 42,414 registered voters. Nine out of ten, if not a larger per cent. of these voters who are oppressed and robbed by the city monopoly, are shocked by the bad city government, and want to see a change. Probably about one thousand of these voters, including the "most influential and wealthy men" are given special favors: are given the services of these monopolies free. These are the men most able to pay. Yet free or cheap service is furnished to them so they will not complain while the other forty-one thousand voters (not so rich and influential) are robbed by high rates for poor service.

But, you ask, why do not the forty-one thousand voters use their vote to change this bad and oppressive system and establish justice and equity? That is the problem. The trouble is here: 17,916 of these voters are Republicans; 15,877 are Democrats and 9,121 are Populists. The Republicans have less than a majority, but when three tickets are run they always elect. The monopolists of course furnish campaign funds for the Republicans and manage to capture their party leaders and newspaper organs. The party boss no doubt accepts and uses the money of the monopolists to capture his own party convention and establish himself as a boss, and having done this the monopoly newspapers lay on the party lash and whip every Republican voter into standing by the "dear old party." This is the usual proceeding and is occurring in other cities all over the country.

But, what is the remedy? It is to cut out the source of corruption; it is to take these natural monopolies out of the hands of private corporations and syndicates. It is to use these public necessities as public functions for the benefit of all the people, at cost; and then there will be no one getting rich at the expense of the public, therefore no one in a position to use these monopolies to corrupt politicians and city governments. In short, it is municipal ownership of these natural monopolies.

But how can this ever be accomplished while the city is ruled by a party that is owned by the greedy and corrupt monopolists? It cannot. The only way and the only hope to throw off the clutches of monopoly from the city and for good government to be established is for the majority of the voters who are opposed to such oppression, robbery, and corruption, to co-operate and vote together. There are 9,121 Populists voters and 15,877 Democratic voters in Milwaukee, making a total of 24,998 voters, with the Republican machine controls only 17,916 voters. Now if the People's party and the Silver Democrats (if they are opposed to monopoly rule) co-operate the people will win a victory by over six thousand majority. This is exactly the common-sense course that has been agreed on and the overthrow of monopoly domination and victory for good government is in sight.

The People's Party proposed the co-operation, as we understand it, provided the silver Democrats would overthrow the gold and monopoly rule in their councils, and would make a square fight not only to beat the monopoly rule but to get the offices, but at the same time to pledge the officers to remove the causes of corruption and bad government. The Democrats agreed to this and put the following plank in their platform:

We believe that one of the most sacred duties which public utilities impose upon us is to secure an honest, economical and efficient municipal administration, and we appeal to voters of all parties to aid us at this time to bring about this.

We believe the prevailing corruption and bribery in all large cities to be caused by the fact that public utilities are controlled by private corporations. The dependent relation of corporations upon the good will of aldermen, and the consequent bribery and corruption, makes it impossible to secure efficient honesty. While there are disadvantages attendant upon municipal control and ownership of public utilities they are insignificant compared to the wholesale corruption and bribery incident to control by private corporations.

Therefore, in the interest of the public morality and good government, we favor, when the condition of the city's finances warrant, municipal control and ownership of all public utilities and the immediate erection of a municipal cooperative plant.

The co-operative ticket put up by the two parties is as follows:

For mayor, D. S. Rose.
For comptroller, John R. Wolf.
For treasurer, Wm. B. Howell.
For city attorney, Carl Runge.

It is sure to be elected. Thus the nine thousand Populists have gotten the co-operation of fifteen thousand silver Democrats to put a great fundamental principle of the Peoples party, and it is indeed nothing more than a fundamental principle of real Democracy as advocated by Thomas Jefferson. It is a great principle of good government, which the Democratic party for a long time having become corrupt and degenerate had deserted and repudiated. The platform of the People's party is nothing more nor less than the great original fundamental principles of good government, which the forefathers advocated and which all bold and brave patriots have stood for since.

There are of course some gold and monopoly Democrats who did everything they could to prevent this co-operation. That is natural, because they are opposed to the principles of Jeffersonian Democracy, and are in favor of monopoly rule. We regret to say that there were also some Populists who were opposed to this co-operation. They claim to be for these principles, but they are favoring a policy that will help Cleveland and his class of Democrats to make Republican and monopoly victory certain.

We trust they will see the error of their way.

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Governor Russell last week appointed W. Patrick, of Greene county, president of the A. & N. C. Railroad.

Wake county Democracy has called a county convention to be held in Raleigh for May 24th at 10 o'clock.

The Southern Railway last Friday had exceptions with the clerk of the Railway Commission, to the order recently promulgated reducing the rates on passenger tickets.

The S. A. I. Railroad has also filed exceptions.

Ground has been broken and work commenced on the new boys' dormitory for the blind institute.

The music teachers of the State will meet here and organize a permanent association on April 26th.

While a posse of revenue deputies were making a "still hunt" in Johnston county last week they were fired upon from ambush by moonshiners.

State Secretary of the Farmers Alliance, Bro. J. T. B. Hoover, has been seriously ill at his home in Raleigh since the return from his trip through the eastern section of the State in the interest of the Alliance.

Mr. Ramsey went to Goldsboro, waived preliminary hearing and was placed under \$500 bond until next term of Wayne Superior Court.

The Caucasian representative visited the Insane Asylum, or Central Hospital, as it is now known, last week and was very agreeably surprised at the marked improvement of the grounds.

The new wing recently added, which, by the way, was erected from savings of the per capita allowance, is a magnificent structure, and the interior of the building finished in the best style with all the latest sanitary arrangements.

Mr. Kirby has certainly wrought wonders, and too much praise cannot be given him for the excellent management of the institution.

Work Resumed. "After repeated attacks of the grip I was so weak I could hardly drag myself about."

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Seventh Judicial District Convention called.

A convention of the Peoples' Party of the 7th Judicial District of North Carolina, composed of the counties of Anson, Moore, Cumberland, Richmond, Robeson, Bladen, Columbus and Brunswick, is hereby called to convene in the town of Maxton, N. C., Thursday, 11th day of May, at 12 m., 1898, for the purpose of nominating candidates for Judge and Solicitor, and to transact such other business as may come before the Convention at that time.

S. A. EDMUND, Chm. Peoples' Party, 7th Judicial District. Signed at Lumberton N. C., April 4th, 1898.

\$100 Reward \$100. The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment.

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TO AVENGE THE MAINE

And Free Cuba—Senator Butler Promptly Replies to McKinley's Message on the Cuban Situation.

A DISAPPOINTING MESSAGE.

It Means that the President's Policy is to Intervene in Cuba to Stop the Cubans From Fighting for Their Liberty. The Proper Cause is the Recognition of Independence.

As soon as the reading of the President's message was finished on Monday, Senator Butler was promptly on his feet to reply to the message and offer a resolution which expresses the sentiments of the American people.

We clip the following from the Congressional Record of April 11th:

Mr. Butler.—Mr. President, I do not intend to speak at length to-day. I rise to introduce a joint resolution which expresses my views of what duty, honor, and patriotism demands of us as a nation; and in introducing it I want to say that I am greatly disappointed to say the least, at the message of the President which has just been read.

In great surprise the American people have waited for this message, and they are disappointed. The message does not mean the independence of Cuba. The message means, if it means anything, that the President asks Congress to authorize him to make the Cubans stop fighting for their liberty and surrender to the cruel rule of Spain and the Spanish empire.

He asks that we authorize him to intervene to stop the war. The war cannot be stopped, Mr. President, until Cuba is free from the Spanish flag and goes off from Cuban soil; the Cubans will never submit to anything else, and every American patriot ought to glory in the courage and bravery and pluck of the Cubans. We do not then recognize the independence of Cuba. There is but one other way to stop the war, and that is for the United States to help Spain to crush the Cuban patriots. Shall we permit the President to take that course?

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Agent Mr. Caldwell's Letter of Resignation Tendered the Governor Because of the "Stop" on the Passenger Rate Question. The Governor now Demands Resignation.

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Grew Rapidly Worse—Doctors Did No Good.

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Every woman should have a copy of Dr. Hartman's latest book entitled "Health and Beauty." Sent free by The Pe-ru-na Drug Manufacturing Company, Columbus, Ohio.

The Villainy of Trusts. National Republican (Pop.)

On this subject will be found, on our first page, an exhaustive expose by Senator Marion Butler of North Carolina. It first appeared in the Arena for March, an admirable monthly edited by J. C. Ridpath. Trusts are the great curse of the to-day. They are the human devils who prey upon every industry and destroy individual enterprise. They monopolize money, land and transportation, the transmission of intelligence. They dole out the tolling masses just enough of their own earnings to support a miserable existence while the trusts revel in elegant luxury. The greatest of all outlaws are the trusts, and they dominate the affairs of State and nation. The stupidity of the people in electing the managers of trusts to the legislature and to Congress is beyond comprehension. It is like opening the doors of the house of the nation and telling the scoundrels to walk in and take all they want, even to the liberties of posterity. The money trust is the first and meanest of the combines against the people. Its power for evil is unlimited, and it is insatiable. But now Senators and Congressmen are perfectly willing to let the trusts have their way, and then put on your thinking cap. If your patriotism has not been crushed it will lead to independent voting against the tyrant trust.

Successful Physicians. We heartily recommend Dr. Hathaway & Co., of 235 South Broad St. Atlanta, Ga., who have perfected a remarkably successful treatment of chronic diseases of men and women. They cure where others fail. Our readers if in need of medical help should certainly write these eminent doctors and you will receive a free and expert opinion of your case by return mail. Do not fail to do this. It is the right way to do business. They guarantee their cures. Write them to-day.

The Louisiana Constitutional Convention Takes Cognizance of Past Evil. NEW ORLEANS, La., April 7.—The constitutional convention, now in session at New Orleans, today passed the third reading and practically secured the final adoption of a measure rendering any State official liable to impeachment who receives a pass from any railroad within the State of Louisiana. The vote was seventy-one to forty-two.

The measure was bitterly opposed by the railroad influences and the corporation attorneys. The pass evil had become a crying one in the State, for scarcely a Judge, legislator, or parish official but was kept well greased with railroad transportation.

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To Carry out the Policy Outlined by the National Chairman—The Urgent Need to Lay Aside Party Partisanship—In Unity of Action Only Lies Hope of Success.

As the Populist State Convention has been called it is now in order to say something about the primaries and conventions that are soon to be held. It is highly important that the voters of our party attend their primaries, and see that none but the best men are chosen to represent the party in the county and State conventions. The issues involved in the coming campaign are greater than ever before in the history of this country, for under the ruinous gold standard millions of the bone and sinew of this land now have their "faces to the gridiron," and there is no hope of changing these deplorable conditions unless all patriots rally to the standard of financial reform and good government.

It is sheer folly for those whose views are in accord to divide, and allow the enemy to conquer, when by hearty co-operation, success is an assured fact.

The sentiment all over the country now is for union of all reform forces to fight the combined power of gold and greed.

If, therefore, is the plain duty of all patriots, in this perilous and menacing situation, to divest themselves of all partisan prejudice, and consider alone the welfare of their country, for "he serves his party best who serves his country best."

And to the end that all citizens who desire the best possible government in the State and nation, and a return to the period when sweeter manners, purer laws shall bless our land, the writer would urge most earnestly that every possible effort be made to effect honest and honorable co-operation of all the reform forces. This can be done, and it should be done. The rank and file of voters of all parties want a change of conditions, and with the overture of the men who prefer olive always to the advancement of great principles, there can be a solid, united band of patriots, by whose ballots, the existing iniquitous laws may be repealed.

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